

RMC Legislative Committee  
April 18, 2016  
3pm-4pm via Conference Call  
Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Josh Hastings, Chair  
Bill Christopher  
Senator Addie Eckardt  
Roxanne Hale  
Kim Kratovil  
Joanne Richart-Young  
Erroll Mattox  
Steve McHenry  
Nancy Nunn

Matt Teffeau  
Scott Warner

RMC Staff:  
Charlotte Davis, Executive Director  
Meredith Donaho, Administrative and  
Communications Assistant

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:01pm.

First item was a reading and review by the Chair of the draft 2016 Legislative Review (distributed to participants by email), and a call for comments/suggestions.

A few suggestions included: providing more comments about future initiatives, actions or interim priorities in the draft; and, emphasize the loss of highway user revenues and its toll on rural communities and how the RMC may address/become involved in this next legislative session.

Communications:

A call was made by the Chair for suggestions or comments on strategies for media coverage and increased engagement ideas, in addition to Rural Maryland Day, Legislative Welcome Breakfast, etc. No comments or suggestions were made.

MDA Updates:

Matt Teffeau shared a few bill updates affecting the MDA and agriculture, including SB198 – Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Restriction on Sales and Use. He asked the Committee to contact him or Charlotte if any legislative issues come up in the interim affecting agriculture.

Reminder: The RMPIF Committee will be meeting Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at MDA.

No other bills or business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:22 pm

Next meeting: Friday, June 17, 2016, Noon-2pm, Location TBD (Update: June 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Cancelled; Meeting rescheduled for July 7, 2016).